

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

**Listing of claims:**

1           1. (canceled)

1           2. (currently amended) A program processing system for performing a  
2           program process using an electronic program guide, comprising:  
3                 a communication network;  
4                 a program processing apparatus for executing a program process, said  
5           apparatus having  
6                 a database for storing program reservation data identifying a  
7                 reservation of particular externally broadcast programs for recording,  
8                 means for preparing a program condition data based, at least in  
9                 part, on said reservation data,  
10                means for receiving and storing a privacy level data having at  
11                least a first value and a second value,  
12                means transmitting the stored privacy level data through said  
13                communication network, and  
14                means for transmitting, based at least in part on said privacy  
15                level data, said program condition data through said network, wherein  
16                said transmitting selectively transmits said condition data when said  
17                privacy level data has said first value and is inhibited from  
18                transmitting said condition data when said privacy level data has said  
19                second value;  
20                an electronic program guide preparation server, connected to said  
21           communication network, for preparing an electronic program guide,

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22                wherein said electronic program guide preparation server includes  
23                reception means for receiving said privacy level data and said condition data  
24                through said communication network, means for preparing an electronic  
25                program guide including a display form showing a reservation status of the  
26                externally broadcast programs based on said received condition data, and  
27                transmission means for transmitting the prepared electronic program guide to  
28                said program processing apparatus,  
29                wherein said program processing apparatus further includes  
30                means for displaying the electronic program guide received through  
31                said communication network,  
32                means for recording said externally broadcast programs,  
33                a recorded program database for storing information identifying  
34                externally broadcast programs that have been recorded by said means for  
35                recording said externally broadcast programs,  
36                a program playback section for retrieving and playing externally  
37                broadcast programs stored in said recorded program database;  
38                inputting means for receiving user commands relating to the electronic  
39                program guide displayed by said means for displaying the electronic program  
40                guide received from said electronic program guide preparation server, wherein  
41                said receiving includes receiving user commands identifying an acquisition  
42                period associated with said electronic program guide, said acquisition period  
43                being a period within which a plurality of programs within said program guide  
44                may be broadcast; and  
45                an operating instruction section for controlling said program playback  
46                section based on said electronic program guide displayed by said means for  
47                displaying and on said user commands,  
48                wherein said preparing performed by said means for preparing a  
49                program condition data includes preparing the program condition data further

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50 based on said information stored in said recorded program database  
51 identifying externally broadcast programs that have been recorded, and  
52 wherein said preparing performed by said means for preparing an  
53 electronic program guide further includes;  
54 identifying a present date and time from an external clock;  
55 determining, based on the identified present date and time and the  
56 user-input acquisition period received at said inputting means, a time relation  
57 of the identified present time and the user-input acquisition period as being  
58 one of the identified present date and time being within the user-input  
59 acquisition period, the user-input acquisition period being earlier than the  
60 identified present date and time, and the identified user-input acquisition  
61 period being later than the identified present date and time,  
62 determining, in response to determining the identified present date and  
63 time being within the user-input acquisition period, whether or not a program  
64 within the user-input acquisition period is being currently recorded,  
65 confirming, in response to determining the user-input acquisition  
66 period as earlier than the identified present time, stored information in the  
67 recorded program database relating to recorded programs within the user-  
68 input acquisition period, and  
69 confirming, in response to determining the user-input acquisition  
70 period as later than the identified present time, stored information in the  
71 database for storing program reservation data relating to programs within the  
72 user-input acquisition period.

1 3-15. (canceled)

1 16. (previously presented) The program processing system of claim 2,  
2 wherein a monetary consideration which, differs depending upon said a

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- 3        privacy level data sent from said program processing apparatus, is imposed  
4        for said electronic program guide preparation server sending said electronic  
5        guide to said program processing apparatus.
- 1        17-24. (as previously presented)